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Beef

IMPS#	Description	Wts	Lbs/Lds	Avg	Change Prw/wk
Boxed Beef Cuts, Select 1-3					
113A	Chuck, 2-pc	72-119	45573	128.74	-0.09
115	Chuck, 2-pc bnls	50-80	188761	127.75	-1.99
116A	Chuck Roll, n/o 1x1	13-25	1417497	151.18	-0.88
120	Brisket	6-14	2116742	119.96	-8.74
123A	Short Rib	1-4	73418	102.89	-4.64
160	Round, Bn-in	50-85	75751	140.67	2.60
161	Round, Bnls	42-80	286355	148.81	0.60
168	Inside Round	14-26	883009	164.94	3.00
170	Gooseneck Round	18-33	96465	137.70	-1.18
	Coarse ground Blend 81%		2775394	118.14	1.41
	Coarse ground Blend 85%		70575	123.86	0.38
Cow Cuts/Boneless Processing Items					
	Boneless Chuck 85%			125.00	0.67
	Top Inside Round	12-16		150.08	3.88
Boneless Processing Beef/Beef Trimmings, Fresh					
	90% Chemical Lean		1746679	121.66	0.02
	50% Chemical Lean		273566	137.70	-2.17

Broiler/Fryers

Whole Grade A, Ready-to-Cook, Ice-packed, Per Pound, Delivered			
New York	75.77	Chicago	72.16
Los Angeles	78.25		

Parts Bulk

Ready-to-Cook, Ice-packed, Per Pound			
Northeast (Delivered) Breast B/S	194.46	Leg Quarters	34.16
Southern States (FOB) Breast B/S	200.72	Leg Quarters	31.17

Young Turkeys

Grade A, Ready-to-Cook, Frozen, Per Lb., Delivered			
	Hens 8-16 Lbs	Toms 16-24 Lbs	
Eastern	61.43	59.00	
Central	62.80	60.90	
Western	63.00	60.80	

Table Eggs

Large, USDA Grade A, White, In Cartons, In Volume, Cents Per Dozen			
Northeast	113.00	Metropolitan Areas	
Southeast	112.50	New York	127.00-131.00
Midwest	106.50	Chicago	108.00-116.00
S. Central	112.50	S. California	132.00-135.00

Egg Products

Liquid, Non-pasteurized, Trucklot Volume, FOB, Per Pound			
Whole	79.00-83.00	Whites	76.00-79.00
Frozen, 30Lb Containers, Wholesale per Lb		Yolks	60.00-64.00
		Whole Eggs	
Eastern (Less Than Trucklot)	96.00-100.00	Whites	94.00-99.00
Central	88.00-90.00		90.00-92.00
S. Calif. (Less Than Trucklot)	95.00-98.00		94.00-97.00
Dried, Wholesale Prices, Dollars Per Pound, In Container (Range)			
Whole	3.21-3.65	Yolks	1.55-2.10
		Blends	2.00-2.55



Pork



Pork Loins, Fresh ¼" Trim	21 dn	50.0	106.19	-2.27
Boston Butt, Fresh ¼" Trim	5-10	44.0	71.26	-0.39
Spareribs, Fresh	4.25	0.0	0.00	----
Ham, Bone-in, Trmd TS 1	17-20	16.0	60.13	4.86
Ham, Bone-in, Trmd TS 1	20-23	31.0	59.53	4.42
Belly, Sdls, Skin-on, Trmd	14-16	6.0	103.00	3.00
Belly, Sdls, Skin-on, Trmd	16-18	2.0	103.00	5.00
Boneless Picnic Meat, Fresh		4.0	62.50	3.50
72% Chemical Lean		12.5	59.16	6.13

Dollars per Hundredweight - Equated to FOB Omaha Basis



**Fruit & Vegetable Market News
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Fruits

Apples, Red Delicious, WA ExFcy, C.A. Storage, 100s Containers Tray Pack, Yakima Valley & Wenatchee District, WA	16.00
Pears, D'Anjou, U.S. One, standard cartons wrapped 100s, C.A. Storage, Yakima Valley & Wenatchee District, WA	14.00
Strawberries, flats 12 1-pint baskets, medium-large, South District, CA	9.40
Strawberries, flats 12 1-pint baskets, medium-large, Central FL	7.40
Oranges, Navel, Shippers 1 st grade, cartons 113s ctns, Central & Southern CA & AZ	8.88
Grapefruit, Marked Rio Star, TXFancy 7/10 bushel cartons, 36s, Lower Rio Grande Valley, TX	7.50

Vegetables

Broccoli, Bunched 14s Cartons, Imperial, Coachella and Palo Verde Valleys, CA	4.25
Carrots, Medium-Large Sks 48 1-lb filmbags, Kern District, CA	10.85
Celery, 2 ½ doz ctns, South District, CA	7.68
Lettuce, Iceberg, 24S, Cartons, Central & Western, AZ	4.68
Imperial Valley, CA	4.25
Peppers, Bell Type, Green; 1 1/9 buctns/crates, large, South FL	16.43
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ, Large	19.50
Tomatoes, Mature Greens, 85% U.S. One or better, 25 lb. Cartons, 6x6s, size South FL	12.20
Mexico flats 2 layer Vine Ripe 4x5s	10.35
Onions, Yellow Spanish Hybrid, U.S. One, Jumbo, 50 lb sacks, ID & OR	7.75
Potatoes, Russet Burbank some Norkotah, U.S. One, 50lb ctns, 70s, Upper Valley, Twin Falls, Burley District and Western Idaho	13.00

Simple Average of Weekending Prices of Stated Grades or Stock of Generally Good Merchantable Quality and Condition. Prices FOB Shipping Point Basis. Dollars per Unit.

Butter

Bulk butter, f.o.b. producing plant, national price range, truckload quantities

This Week	Last Week
2.0925-2.1775	1.9700-2.0550

American Cheese

Process cheese, 5-pound loaf, national price range, dollars per pound

This Week	Last Week
1.6350-1.8975	1.5925-1.8600

Fluid Milk = Basic Formula Price – 20-Feb-04

Basic price used to set Class I prices, dollars per gallon, March

Price Level	Change from Prv/Month	Change from Prv/Year
1.0267	+0.0301	+0.1832